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BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 200 EAST GRAND, SUITE 350 DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

IN RE:)
) CASE NUMBER: 15-320
Christopher Fisher) ·
Salesperson (S63403000)) COMBINED STATEMENT OF
) CHARGES, INFORMAL
CF Consulting) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
2521 128 th Street) AND CONSENT ORDER IN A
Urbandale, IA 50323) DISCIPLINARY CASE
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RESPONDENT	

The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and **Christopher Fisher** (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4) (2016).

- 1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate salesperson license number S63403000 on January 21, 2015. Respondent's license is now current and in full force and effect through December 31, 2017. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was a licensed real estate salesperson, assigned to Coda Real Estate Services, LLC, license number F05618000, located in Urbandale, Iowa. Coda Real Estate Services, LLC firm license was cancelled on December 16, 2015.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to lowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2015). Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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3. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices harmful or detrimental to the public in violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(c), 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.34(1), 543B.34(1)(f), 543B.62(3)(b) by conducting real estate business (property management) independently outside of the licensed broker or firm he is assigned to. *See* 193E Iowa Administrative Code sections 4.1(3), 7.1(9), 7.11(1), 15.1, 18.14(5)(n), 18.14(5)(s).

COUNT II

4. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices harmful or detrimental to the public in violation of lowa Code sections 543B.1, 543B.2, 543B.5(6), 543B.29(1)(c), 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.34(1), 543B.34(1)(f), 543B.62(3)(b) (2015) by failing to obtain a license for his corporation before its acting as a real estate brokerage in the state of lowa. *See* 193E lowa Administrative Code sections 7.2(1), 18.14(5)(s).

CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5. From the time period of January 21, 2015 through December 16, 2015, the Respondent was a licensed real estate salesperson assigned to Coda Real Estate Services, LLC, license number F05618000, located in Urbandale, Iowa. Commission licensing records indicate that Coda Real Estate Services, LLC firm license was cancelled on December 16, 2015.
- 6. During the aforementioned time period, the Respondent was in the business of conducting residential property management under the corporation in the state of Iowa known as "CF Consulting Corp." CF Consulting Corp adopted the fictitious name of "Property Management Inc. Central Iowa" also known as "PMI of Central Iowa."
- 7. During the time period in question, CF Consulting Corp was a corporation that was not licensed to practice real estate in the state of lowa. The Respondent in conducting property management activities did not have written property agreements between the owners of the properties and his designated broker.
- 8. CF Consulting was licensed in Iowa on December 16, 2015 by the Commission, with Robert T. Myers, license number B39972000 assigned to the new firm as the sole broker officer. Subsequently, the Respondent had his salesperson license S63403000 transferred to the firm on the same date.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 9. Respondent admits each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges. This case shall constitute one violation for purposes of lowa Code section 543B.29(4) (2016).
- 10. Respondent acknowledges that he has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives his right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to lowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 lowa Administrative Code 7.4.

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- 11. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.
- 12. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.
- 13. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.34(1) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2015) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.
- 14. This Order is not binding on the lowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.
 - (a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
 - (b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.
- 15. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of lowa Code chapter 22 (2015).

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 16. <u>REPRIMAND</u>. Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 18.14(1)(j), the Respondent is reprimanded.
- 17. <u>CIVIL PENALTY</u>. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) no later than six (6) months after acceptance of this Order by the Commission. The civil penalty must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer, referencing Case Number 15-320.

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18. <u>FUTURE COMPLIANCE</u>. The Respondent shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT: Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by Christopher Fisher on this 26 , 2016. By: CHRISTOPHER FISHER, Respondent State of County of Signed and sworn to before me on this \overline{ZZ} day of \overline{MARCH} Commission Number 763581 Notary Public, State of Iowa **Commission Expires** October 3, 2016 Printed Name: _ Charl My Commission Expires: FOR THE COMMISSION: Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION on this THA day of HORIC

TERRANCE M. DUGGAN, Chair lowa Real Estate Commission